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RWANDA NATIONAL POLICE EMERGENCY CONTACTS

The Rwanda National Police (RNP) has intensified its operations, partly through provision of emergency hotlines and other contacts countrywide, and **establishing the Public Relations (PR) office to the regional level.** This is to ensure quick response and 24/7 alertness.

OUR VISION

People in Rwanda are safe, involved and reassured.

OUR MISSION

Rwanda National Police is dedicated to deliver high quality service, accountability and transparency, safeguard the rule of law and provide safe and crime free environment for all.

CORE VALUES

Justice and respect for human rights

Integrity

Stability and social order

Team work and partnership

Openness

Accountability

Community relation focus

Professional conduct, efficiency and effectiveness

THE EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR SPECIFIC SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Emergency:	112	Child-Help-Line:	116
Fire Brigade:	111	Anti-GBV:	3512
Traffic Accidents:	113	Isange One Stop Centre:	3029
Marine:	110	Anti-Corruption:	997

Complaint Against Police:	3511	CID:	0788311209
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16 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP IN POLICING

This quarterly newsletter highlights the Rwanda National Police (RNP) policing activities in each quarter.

This, as a Rwandan culture, is to be accountable to the people, transparency and openness, and to continue to build the inevitable ideal of community policing.

The last quarter has been equally rewarding in terms of safety and security thanks to the continued valuable support from all partners and the people in particular.

In this Police Magazine Issue No.14, we highlight major activities in operations, cooperation, social welfare, peacekeeping, building capacities and capabilities of the force, all which are in line with our set ten key policing priorities.

As Rwanda National Police, we have no doubt that achieving our mission requires strong partnership with the people we serve, which we document in this newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Rwanda National Police is dedicated to deliver high quality service, accountability and transparency, safeguard the rule of law and provide safe and crime free environment for all. All this is to ensure that people in Rwanda are safe, involved and reassured.

With the existing strong partnership with all stakeholders, we have no doubt that the safety and security of the people in Rwanda will continue to define the 'Land of A Thousand Hills' and smiles.

18th EAPCCO AGM

President Kagame: Let's not be easy targets for fraudsters



Chiefs of police from EAPCCO and Rwanda government Ministers join HE Paul Kagame in group photo

President Paul Kagame called on Chiefs of Police in the eastern Africa region to strengthen their cooperation to tackle crimes, especially the sophisticated ones that are emerging as a result of latest developments in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The Head of State was speaking in Kigali, on August 31, at the official opening of the 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) and the five-day 'Cyber Enabled Crime Table-Top Exercise'.

"Let's not be easy targets for fraudsters, nor a safe haven for criminals who use technology to exploit the innocent. What's important is cooperation, information sharing, and constantly incorporating the latest technologies into police work," he said.

"There is no silver bullet that can replace trust and mutual understanding amongst police leaders. That is why law enforcement partnership is a major priority for Rwanda, and other members. We must work to strengthen our regional and international organisations even further in the years ahead," the Head of State said.

More than 200 people from 37 African countries attended the meeting, including Chiefs of Police from EAPCCO region, heads of Criminal Investigation Departments (CID), heads of national central bureaus of the international police organisation (Inter-

pol), and those selected by their countries to participate in the cyber-enabled crime table top exercise.

The three-day 18th AGM of EAPCCO was held under the theme of "Enhancing cooperation and innovation in combating transnational organised and emerging crimes".

President Kagame congratulated the body on furthering cooperation among its member countries, saying it has already demonstrated its value through practical services and strengthened partnerships.

The Head of State noted that Interpol's support along the way has been essential and thanked the international police organization for its commitment and making Africa a priority.

He also highlighted the need for the police in every country to enjoy the public's confidence by reflecting and embodying the best of each country's values.

"Africa is getting connected to broadband at one of the fastest rates in the world. The dangers are real but we cannot afford to allow the pace of development and progress to be slowed down as a result. Close collaboration is needed to investigate these complex crimes and to secure the extradition and conviction of suspects," he said.

EAPCCO, which was created in 1998 in Kampala, Uganda during the maiden meeting of Eastern Africa police chiefs, is composed of 13 regional countries, namely;

Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, Comoros, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Seychelles, Somalia, and Tanzania.

It was founded as a regional practical response to the need to join police efforts against transnational and organised crimes. The Interpol Sub-Regional Bureau in Nairobi acts as its Secretariat.

The 'Cyber Enabled Crime Table-Top Exercise' on the other hand, was organized by Rwanda National Police (RNP) in partnership with Interpol, and it brought together over 100 participants from across the African region to improve the skills and knowledge of law enforcement agencies in prevention and mitigation of cybercrimes.

Meanwhile, ground was broken on the same day for the construction of a 'Regional Cybercrime Centre of Excellence' at the RNP General Headquarters in Kacyiru, which will be connected to the Interpol cyber centres in Lyon (France) and the Interpol Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore.

The facility that will be built at the tune of \$1.5 million and will help in cybercrime investigation, will be equipped with a digital forensic lab, and will provide training and capacity building in the cybercrime area.

WHAT THEY SAID

The Secretary General of Interpol, Dr. Jürgen Stock noted that EAPCCO sets a precedent for the best cooperation among law enforcement agencies calling it "one of the best in the world" and pledged continued support for the organisation's capacity development.

Dr. Stock said that the 'Regional Cybercrime Centre' comprehends the architecture of security required to make the world a better place.

In his vote of thanks to President Paul Kagame and the people of Rwanda, the IGP of Namibia, Lt. Gen. Sebastian Ndeitunga, who doubles as the Interpol vice president, said: "Rwanda's leadership and commitment to international cooperation under President Paul Kagame should be seen as an eye opener to what is required of leaders to make Africa safer."

RWANDA TAKES OVER EAPCCO CHAIR

Meanwhile, the Minister of Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, during the Council of Ministers that climaxed the meeting, took over from his Kenyan counterpart Joseph Nkaissery, as the new chair of the Council.



Participants during the 18th EAPCCO AGM

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, on behalf of Rwanda, took over the chairmanship of EAPCCO Council of Chiefs of Police from his Kenyan counterpart, Joseph K. Boinnet.

Minister Harerimana said: "The only appropriate response to the cyber-enabled transnational crimes, is deepening police cooperation across the borders; it is enhancing mutual support and building capacities of our police forces especially through promoting IT-led policing," said the Minister.

IGP Gasana said that continued joint training, operations, simulation exercises and speeding up the establishment of centres of

excellence are prerequisite for responding to security threats effectively.

The outgoing chair, on the other hand, noted that EAPCCO has made great strides to achieve at least over 70 percent of its goals.

RESOLUTIONS

The 16th Council of Ministers issued a 12-resolution communiqué that rotated mainly on strengthening cooperation between police forces in addressing security related challenges. They include;

In the joint communiqué of the Council of Ministers, they affirmed their support in

the implementation of the resolutions of the 18th EAPCCO AGM of Chiefs of Police and affirmed the need for a unified approach against the threats of human trafficking and people smuggling and to develop regional initiative at the highest level, cooperate and share strategies against the vices.

The ministers further noted the challenges faced by member countries in handling stolen motor vehicles across national borders and encouraged member countries to engage bilaterally in order to stem the problem.

Uganda and Ethiopia were endorsed as the hosts of the 19th and 20th EAPCCO AGM respectively, while the former will also host the second retreat of the Chiefs of Police.

The resolutions of the Council of Ministers partly took note of the support got from Interpol's policing capabilities to tackle emerging crime threats including Cyber Crime and Cyber enabled crimes.

In line with African Union Summit decision for EAPCCO member countries to support the candidature for INTERPOL President, IGP of the Republic of Namibia, Lt. Gen. Sebastian Ndeitunga was herein endorsed as the sole candidate.

The ministers appreciated Rwanda for hosting the All-Africa Table Top Exercise.

National Police College holds its third symposium on Peace, Security and Justice



The National Police College (NPC) conducted its third symposium on peace, security and justice, on June 22, as top government officials and experts were joined by researchers and scholars to deliberate on how best to confront emerging security challenges. The symposium held at the Rwanda National Police headquarters in Kacyiru was part of the Police Senior Command and Staff Course programme organized ahead of the

graduation of the fourth intake of 31 Police students from 10 African countries.

The countries are Ethiopia, The Gambia, Kenya, Namibia, Burundi, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Rwanda, the host.

The symposium is organized to enrich the understanding of Police senior command students on issues around peace, security and justice by sharing experience with

scholars, policy makers and other eminent officials whose work greatly influence the shaping of norms in the three areas.

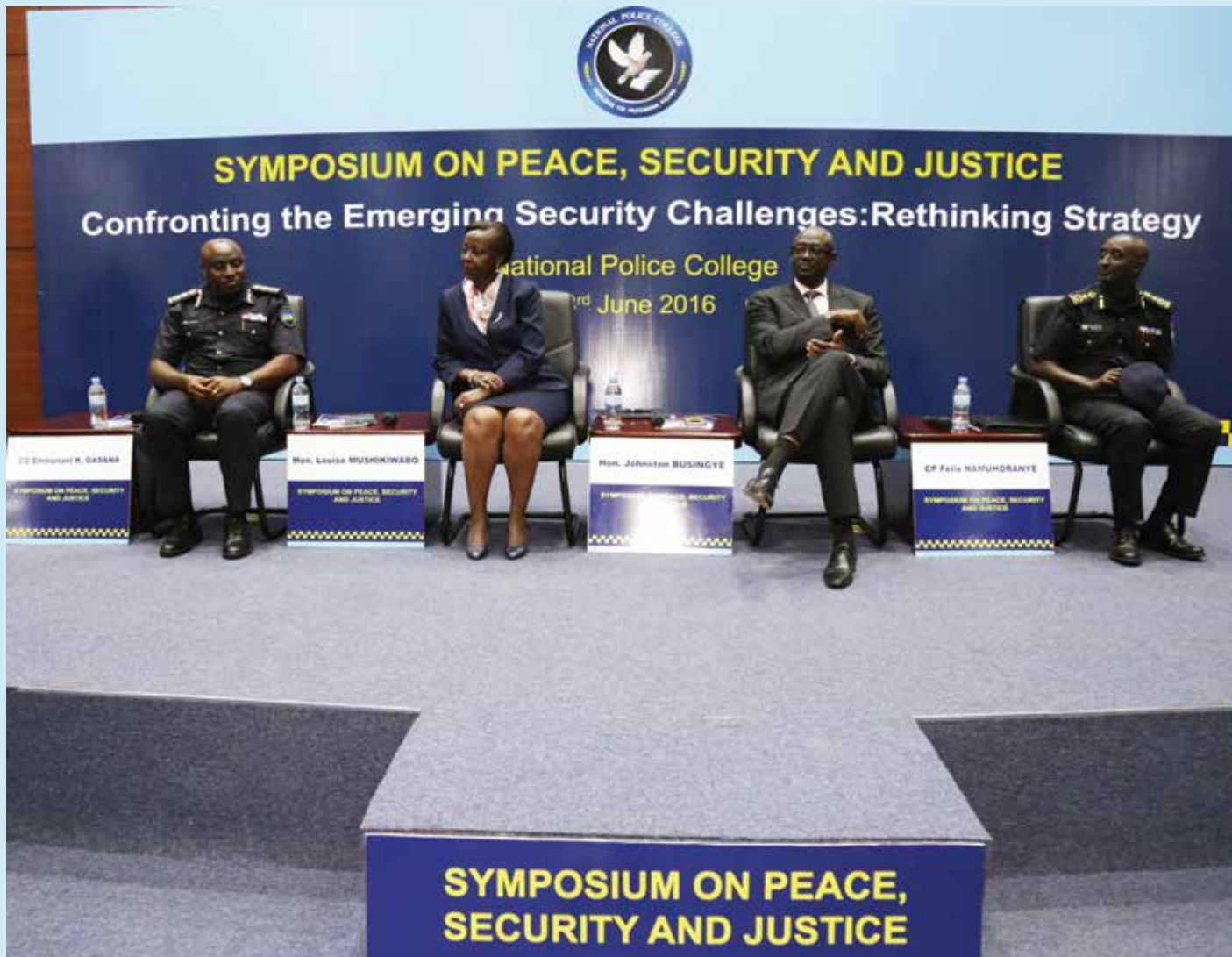
It was held under the theme "Confronting the Emerging Security Challenges: Rethinking Strategy."

The Minister of Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, who officiated at the opening of the one-day symposium, said that the symposium brings its contribution to the fight against dynamic security threats in the region such as terrorism and other transnational crimes affecting the security of individual countries.

"It is evident that addressing challenges associated with the changing nature of security environment requires police officers to be equipped with necessary analytical tools and deep understanding of national, regional as well as global security landscape," Minister Harerimana said.

Panelist included ministers; Gen. James Kabarebe of Defense, Johnston Busingye of Justice and Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana.

Others are Prof. Anastase Shyaka, the



IGP Gasana Emmanuel. Ministers Mushikiwabo of Foreign Affairs, John Stone Busingye of Justice and CP Felix Namuhoranye on the panel during the Symposium

CEO of Rwanda Governance Board, who deliberated on the issues to do with good governance as a pillar of sustainable security; Dr. Ochieng Kamudhayi of the Institute of Diplomacy and international relations studies of the University of Nairobi, who discussed issues related to Africa's peace and conflicts, Stephen Anthony Rodrigues, the country director of UNDP (UN in post conflict peace building-challenges and opportunities), the special representative of Interpol to the African Union, Francis Rwego, who discussed on 'crime in a globalised and interconnected world: evolution and future trends, Col Francis Mutiganda, discussed on emerging security threats: case of terrorism.

Minister Kabarebe, who tackled the issue of foreign interference versus African sovereignty, noted that foreign interference has changed according to globalization which is getting more sophisticated compared to colonialism.

"Foreign interference on Africa is much easier than before simply because Africans handed themselves in for exploitation; foreign accusations against Rwanda are there

to advance the interests of the West," Minister Kabarebe said.

While deliberating on the legal and policy response to the changing nature of crime, Minister Busingye noted that "If we continue being too traditional on professional secrecy, we are giving a loop hole to crimes which go through space due to globalization."

IGP Gasana, who tackled issues of challenges and prospects in policing a rapidly evolving crime environment, underscored that Africans must have the culture of solving their security problems through cooperation and sharing information on threats.

"Today Crimes are more sophisticated. Emerging crimes affect security, developments and economies...we should consider regional resourcing to confront these modern crimes," IGP Gasana said.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Louise Mushikiwabo, who gave a keynote at the closing of the symposium, said that peace and security dynamics of the 21st century are growing very complex and very unpredictable.

"What that means is that we all have to

be prepared for unpredictability to confront challenges we hadn't anticipated and haven't been thinking about," Minister Mushikiwabo said.

"I am very glad that you discussed governance in matters of security... It is imperative. Deterrence is one of the important steps to lasting security. It is about working on the hands and minds of people...it's the biggest investment in security; it is to deter to keep human being from committing crimes and from connecting across nations," she added.

"We have a compelling need to be aware of the trends and the impact in order to be able to reshape policy, create the right legal and operational frameworks both at national, sub-regional, regional and global levels."

Commissioner of Police (CP) Felix Namuhoranye, the commandant of NPC, said that different lectures were covered during the one year course, and advanced learning activities such as internal and external study tours as well as symposium on relevant themes are organized to enhance students' understanding and expand their analytical capacity.

Minister Harerimana commissions 429 'Officer Cadets'

The Minister of Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, on July 29, officiated at the pass out of 'Officer Cadet' intake 8 at Police Training School (PTS) Gishari where he commissioned 429 officers.

The Minister, who represented the Head of State, commissioned the officers to the rank of "Assistant Inspector of Police (AIP)."

The graduands started the course in May last year and they include 55 females and 14 Allied Students; 10 from South Sudan, two from Uganda and two others from Namibia.

The graduands also include 10 officers from Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS), who were also awarded the rank of Assistant Inspector of Prisons.

This is the fourth cadet course to be conducted at PTS; previous intakes were conducted at the National Police College (NPC) in Musanze District.

At least 1839 officers have graduated in all eight cadet courses.

While commissioning the officers, Minister Harerimana congratulated them upon successfully completing the training which lasted for 15 months.

"This is the foundation to quality policing services, transparency, preserving the rule of law and ensuring a safer Rwanda for all," the Minister said.

"This is an indication of the value Rwanda attaches to safety and security and lesson learnt at the expense of insecurity which we all witnessed during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. If the country had good leadership and focused security agencies striving for the best of the country and residents, we wouldn't have lost lives."

"Ensuring and preserving security is the responsibility of everyone; this is what President Paul Kagame reminds us always."

He noted the the level of development the county has attained in terms of good governance, justice, economy and welfare wouldn't have been realised if security organs hadn't played a role.

He commended RNP for its professional services both at home and across borders in peacekeeping.

To the graduands, he said: "This is your day that you stood up for. Being an officer holds weight...it is a sign of patriotism, a spirit you should instill in others you lead or



encounter; as officers you should always be ready to sacrifice and serve your country with honor."

The Minister particularly congratulated the Allied Students and thanked their countries for choosing Rwanda as their choice of training.

"This doesn't only strengthen our country-to-country ties but also strengthens cooperation between our security organs in maintaining peace and security across the African continent," the Minister said.

He further thanked parents for allowing and supporting their sons and daughters to serve their country.

The Commandant of PTS, Commissioner of Police (CP) John Bosco Kabera said that the cadet course is designed to enrich the knowledge and skills of the already serving officers and transforms the recruited civilians to the officership standard.

"We are confident that the package they covered will help them make informed judgements and decisions while executing police mission," CP Kabera said.

The graduands covered both theoretical and practical sessions including police duties, drills, weapon training, operation staff work and police operations.

Others include leadership, command and management law, road safety and international peacekeeping missions.

"You have a big role to play as future leaders of Rwanda National Police, to meet the constitutional goals while upholding and enforcing laws. This can't be achieved without the support and involvement of the people we serve; the willingness of the people to cooperate with us will depend very much on our day-to-day policing approach," the commandant noted.

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP IN POLICING

Every year, Rwanda National Police (RNP) holds 'Police Week' which involves week-long activities under the auspice of community policing in the build up to the Police Day anniversary, June 16 – to showcase the importance of partnerships in crime prevention, detection and enhance mechanisms for collaboration in service delivery and accountability.

Activities to mark the 16th anniversary started on June 11 in all the four Provinces and on June 12, in the City of Kigali, to raise awareness against child abuse, among other high impact crimes.

The 'Police Day' corresponds with the day RNP was created in the year 2000 after merging Gendarmerie Nationale, Communal Police and the Judicial Police Inspectors, the three uncoordinated entities that had a policing mandate at the time.

This year's celebration activities were held under the theme; 'Stand up for Child Protection' with the official launch held at one identified Police Station in each Province and the City of Kigali which was also police open day.

It coincided with the official launch of the toll-free Child-Helpline – 116 – that operates in the Rwanda National Police Call Centre.

This means that campaigns including human trafficking, drug abuse, gender based violence and road safety, were bent along the line of the theme to increase public awareness on the protection of children.



Leaders and partners attending the celebration

Police Day

While presiding over the Police Day, the Minister of Internal Security Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana said Rwandans are celebrating the role played by RNP over the years, in the four government pillars of good governance, justice, economic development and people's welfare.

Minister Harerimana said: "You can't achieve anything without a firm foundation of security, which should be given priority by everyone for sustainable development.

Today, we are celebrating valuable achievements of a professional police force which is equally driving the transformation process under the visionary leadership of His Excellency President Paul Kagame."

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana said the last 16 years have left strong partnership with the public and

other stakeholders under the proactive strategy of community policing and appreciated the immense government support in preventing and fighting crimes.

These capacities, he said, have enabled RNP to contribute to security in other countries like Haiti, Sudan, South Sudan, Liberia, CAR, Mali and Ivory Coast.

Because of this partnership and support, he added, no doubt security and peace will continue to define our country.

"As we continue this inevitable journey together, RNP intends to strengthen this partnership, gradually shift to technological development to enhance policing, further cooperate with other regional and international police institutions and organizations to combat cross-border crimes," IGP said.

Wellars Gasamagera, the chairperson of Police ambassadors, said the concept of police-public partnership built a strong bond of ownership and trust contrary to the past security institutions of the genocidal regime that used threat as a yardstick for policing.

"This trust that people have in their police drove them to own their security with passion because we understand that if there is insecurity the repercussions affect us all. It is in our best interest as Rwandans to strengthen this partnership," Gasamagera said.

Build-up to Police Day

Presiding over the official launch in the



Police officers and partners attended the event

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Eastern Province on June 11, held in Kigabiro Sector of Rwamagana District, the Minister of Gender and Family Promotion Dr. Diane Gashumba called upon parents and guardians to be defined by the "Rwanda values that puts the rights of children forward."

Minister Gashumba, who observed that bringing up a resourceful and dignified generation is a collective responsibility, said: "Take your children to school, protect them from anything that can be harmful to them or expose them to a wrong direction."

16 years of partnership in policing

Today, RNP is celebrating milestones in the last 16 years of dedicated policing under the grand guidance and leadership of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Paul Kagame.

These achievements that have made Rwanda one of the safest countries across the globe where people feel safe at all times, can be traced in the RNP key priorities that include capacity building, community policing, crime prevention and reduction strategy, E-Policing, international cooperation and welfare and infrastructure development, among others.

Capacity building

For an institution to realize its targets, ensuring capacity and capabilities of its human resource is a must. This has been among RNP's priorities since 2000.

This is mainly through training and acquiring modern policing equipment required to police the fast developing nation backed by globalisation and technology in particular.

Along that line, seven cadet intakes and 12 basic police courses have been conducted. Other professional and specialized academic courses were also introduced and these include Police Senior Command and Staff Course (PSCSC); bachelor's degree in Professional Police Studies (PPS), Criminology and Law, Information Security with focus on cyber and hi-tech crimes and Forensics.

Others include intermediate and supervisory courses, Police Station Commanders' course, Peace Support Operations, counter terrorism, logistics, criminal investigation, gender based violence, road traffic and re-

fresh courses among others.

The capabilities of departments such as CID, Canine, Operations, Traffic and Road Safety, Fire and Rescue Brigade, have been built to ensure fair justice, crime detection and prevention, safer roads and timely response.

The Fire and Rescue Brigade, for example has been equipped with hi-tech equipment like firefighting trucks stationed up to the provincial level, cranes for intervention in case of disaster, and trained police officers in this specialized field.

Community policing

This police-public partnership has been one of the backbones of the current safety and security in the country.

With over 140, 000 members of Community Policing Committees (CPCs), 150, 000 Youth Volunteers in Community Policing, over 1000 anti-crime clubs backed by continuous awareness campaigns in communities and in schools, this has eased flow of information on crime and brought a sense of belonging among the people to become the answer of the challenges they face through Irondo – community night patrols – and Neighbourhood Watch.

Over the past 16 years, RNP has witnessed how proactive policing strategies have increased the rate at which people report crimes, how conflicts are managed and resolved, how neighbourhood watch is being productive as well as several village security initiatives.

All these have brought about fear of com-

mitting a crime, ownership of policing programmes and increase in public confidence and trust in security organs. Community policing has also facilitated intelligence-led and targeted operations, eases acquisition of emergency information hence a significant reduction in crime rates.

For police to achieve that, the force had to engage with different clusters of community as their ambassadors including groups based on their social, political, economic, and religious affiliations.

These include government institutions, security organs, the private sector, civil society organisations, associations and cooperatives of transporters, insurance companies, artistes, schools, police ambassadors, youth volunteers, rehabilitated social groups, community policing committees and faith based organisations.

Crime prevention and reduction strategy

Countrywide awareness campaigns against crimes like drugs abuse, domestic and gender based violence, human trafficking and road safety were conducted to further engage local communities to be active in responding to security challenges they face in their localities.

The acquisition of the Mobile Police Station and Isange Mobile vans to traverse remote parts of the country to raise awareness and record cases of people wishing to report injustices they face.

In line with crime prevention, RNP also embarked on addressing concerns related to human security as a means to ensure all



Participants during the celebration

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Rwandans live a decent life.

At least ten vehicles, 20 motorcycles, mosquito nets, medical insurance, financial support and houses, planted about 400 hectares of trees... all these and many others were geared towards mitigating poverty, which can as well be a source of crime.

The 16th anniversary will as well tackle issues of human security to further advance social welfare towards sustainable public safety.

Human security is needed in response to the complexity and the interrelatedness of both old and new security threats – from poverty to, human trafficking, climate change, health pandemics, and sudden economic and financial downturns. Such threats tend to acquire transnational dimensions and move beyond traditional notions of security.

International cooperation

The evolving and sophisticated policing ground requires collective efforts. Thus, RNP has since the year 2000 actively joined and participated in regional and international police groupings like Interpol, the Eastern Africa Police Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF), Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA), African Police (AfriPol), East African Community Northern Corridor Integration Projects (EAC-NCIP) and engaged in peacekeeping missions.

RNP has as well signed close to 30 MoUs under bilateral arrangements and about 10 others under multilateral frameworks.

Some of the countries RNP has signed MoUs with include Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Namibia, Tanzania, Turkey, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Zambia and Qatar.

This inevitable cooperation, for example, has in one way or another eased communication and tracking of fugitives, especially those wanted for genocide atrocities, which has been our top priority.

So far, RNP has issued about 300 Interpol Red Notices alerting the world about wanted fugitives – 17 were arrested and tried in countries where they were, about 75 others were tracked, arrested and extradited to Arusha during the mandate of International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and 13 were extradited from other countries to Rwanda, but this is a small number compared to over 500 Genocide suspects that are still at large.

RNP have managed to intercept foreign vehicles with the use of Interpol global communication tool – I-24/7 – that connects all 190 member countries, rescued victims of human trafficking and located and arrested traffickers; held joint operations and trained together be it through Command Post Exercise (CPX) or Field Training Exercise (FTX).

This linkage is about partnership and promoting cooperation between RNP and global policing forces.

E-policing

Technological advancement over the years have provided law enforcement agencies with new perspectives and considerations beyond the traditional methods and opportunities to utilize a wide range of innova-

tions in varied contexts.

Today, technology has become intrinsic to society and seems to be a natural component of people's personal lives. On the other hand, criminal behaviors have changed parallel to these technological developments. Criminals have started to use technological tools when committing crimes.

RNP has, therefore, heavily invested in its e-policing systems, IT infrastructures and training of personnel to be IT literate as means and ways to facilitate prevention, detection and investigations of all sorts of crimes.

The recent innovations and strategies that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of policing including network analysis, Geographical Information System (GIS), Global Positioning System (GPS), e-registration for driver's licence seekers, electronic licence, crime mapping, biometrics, fingerprints, DNA research, facial recognition, social media policing and CCTV are part of what Rwanda National Police (RNP) has integrated in its policing approaches to deal with contemporary crimes.

The RNP call centre now runs nine toll-free lines – 3512 for GBV, 112 emergency, 113 (road safety), 111 (fire and rescue), 110 (maritime), 997 (anti-corruption), Isange One Stop Centre (3029 for GBV and Child abuse) and 3511 for Complaint against Police officer.

Welfare and infrastructure development

Effective and resourceful personnel require equipment, facilities and enough training. To this effect, RNP established and reinforced three schools – National Police College (NPC), Police Training School (PTS) and Counter Terrorism Training Centre (CTTC).

The CID school at NPC has also enhanced investigation skills of officers. Over the years, RNP has also constructed offices including its general headquarters and Kigali Metropolitan Police headquarters, Motor-vehicle mechanical inspection centres while construction of regional headquarters in Eastern, Western, Northern, Southern and Canine brigade are in completion stage.

The government is supportive in other welfare schemes like health insurance schemes, armed forces shop, promotions, increasing salaries for servicemen, and transport for officers to and from work, peacekeeping missions and establishing canteens to provide meals to officers on duty at fair pay, among others.



Participants during the celebration

Japanese Ambassador visit RNP General Headquarters

The new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Rwanda, Takayuki Miyashita visited Rwanda National Police (RNP) General Headquarters in Kacyiru on September 8 and credited the force's technological development in the face of the emerging security challenges.

Amb. Takayuki, who was received and held talks with Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, also visited the RNP cyber facility that accommodates the cyber security centre, which was established with the support of the Japanese Government.

In an interview, the Ambassador noted that Rwanda has embraced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in its leadership, which also requires a notch ahead of security threats that comes with it.

"As the new Japanese Ambassador to Rwanda, it's my pleasure to visit Rwanda National Police; particularly I came here to congratulate the police upon the completion of the cyber centre. You have well utilized the assistance of the Japanese people," Amb. Takayuki said. The facility houses both the digital forensic lab and a cyber fusion centre, among others.

"Rwanda has embrace ICT as one of the areas in its leadership and development,

but for technology-based development to be more active and important; the cyber security measure should be emphasized. I believe this centre will play that great role in Rwanda," he added.

He pledged continued support especially in the field of ICT and cyber security in particular.

"We have observed that the centre needs more additional facilities for it to function more efficiently, that's why today I am going to sign another agreement with the Ministry of Finance concerning more equipment for this cyber facility to make it more efficient."

IGP Gasana noted that cybercrime is a serious and increasing threat adding that "no doubt the cyber security facility will enhance investigations through supported scientific evidence."

E-policing is among the priorities of Rwanda National Police.

The institution, last week, hosted an All-Africa 'Cyber Enabled Crime Table-Top Exercise' as both part of its cross-border cooperation effort as well as reshaping capacities and capabilities in IT-led policing and investigations.

The exercise which coincided with the 18th Annual General Assembly (AGM) of

the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) included laying of a foundation stone for the construction of the 'Regional cyber crime centre of excellence.'

"We have observed that the centre needs more additional facilities for it to function more efficiently, that's why today I am going to sign another agreement with the Ministry of Finance concerning more equipment for this cyber facility to make it more efficient."

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965 complete 'Basic Police Course'

A total of 965 recruits, on June 1, completed the 12th intake of the 'Basic Police Course' at the Police Training School (PTS) Gishari in Rwamagana District.

Up to 228 females were among those who completed the training course.

The Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, who

presided over the graduation, awarded the graduands to the rank of 'Police Constable.'

The minister challenged the officers to be guided by the Rwanda National Police values of integrity, professionalism, patriotism and always strive to sustain what has been achieved.

"Today, we are talking about Ndi Umunyarwanda (Iam Rwandan) at the

time we are remembering our fellow innocent Rwandans who were killed during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. There are those that stayed on course of being Rwandan, stopped the Genocide and liberated this country. This is the value of Ndi Umunyarwanda that you should strive to sustain," he added.

Regional ministers, Chiefs Police witness cybercrime investigations demonstration

Ministers with police in their dockets and Chiefs of Police from the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPC-CO) member states, on September 1, visited the police officers from various African countries to participate in the all-African 'cyber-enabled crime table top exercise' at Kigali Conference and exhibition Village to witness the expected impact of the joint-play in responding to transnational and emerging crimes on the continent.

The ministers and the Chiefs of Police constitute the 'council of ministers' and 'council of chiefs of police', respectively.

According to Commissioner of Police (CP) Felix Namuhoranye, the exercise coordinator, the visit was meant to give them an overview of the concept, construct and conduct of the exercise.

"It is imperative to know the impact of such exercises if our line ministries and Chiefs of Police are to make it part and parcel of their plans. The success of such exercises in combating cyber enabled crimes and other crimes facilitated by technology, depends on effective coordination, cooperation, planning, joint operation and information exchange between countries, and this exercise was actually designed in that line, which the officials came here to witness," CP Namuhoranye said.

The five-day-exercise play code-named "Exercise Cyber Tracks" was organized by Rwanda National Police (RNP) in partnership with Interpol to combine classroom teaching and practical implementation of acquired skills and knowledge to address the practical challenges necessary to undertake cyber-crime investigations.

It focuses on three areas: cyber enabled crime and digital forensics; the use of INTERPOL's global policing capabilities such as databases, notices and its communication network of I-24/7; and investigations into human trafficking.

The exercise which started with a two days training on 29-30



The exercise director, CP Felix Namuhoranye explaining the construct and scenario of the exercise



Interpol SG Dr. Jurgen Stock unveiling the foundation stone for the construction of the Regional cyber crime centre of excellence

August 2016, uses a case scenario where a vulnerable 20-year old girl was lured away from her home by a human trafficking ring that essentially lied to her about getting a job.

"To solve this case, investigators are required to use their investigation skills to think about what information they need and; this might be an extraction from a mobile phone, text messages, the missing girl could have been recruited over the internet, how it started, where it started from, country of destination...so we try to explore all avenues and procedures through which a victim can be lured, until the suspect is tracked and arrested, and the victim rescued," the exercise coordinator said.

"This exercise presents a challenge to the old-fashioned reactive way of policing where countries were working independently. The world is evolving and cybercrimes or emerging security threats are real and affecting nations."

"This exercise, therefore presents a precedence that each country or police institution will require support information from the other and will need to conduct an operation in another country; to do that requires mutual cooperation with one another so that your sister institutions can as well conduct that operation in your name," CP Namuhoranye said.

"By the end of this joint-play, we will have a general understanding that cooperation is not an option... it's a must to learn from each other, investigate, locate, break criminal networks, apprehended and extradite criminals to countries where they are wanted to face justice," he noted.

Mathew Simon, a digital crime officer at the Interpol Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore, who is one of the exercise controllers, noted that human trafficking is a pernicious worldwide crime and very serious which targets the most vulnerable in a society.

"Cyber enabled crime includes all contemporary crimes; everything from murder, sexual assaults and even common theft;



Ministers from EAPPCO being explained on the exercise set

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they have elements of mobile phones involved, and this is digital evidence, and in this way, we are bringing these two elements together – human trafficking and cyber-enabled crime – and also brings in the third component of Interpol policing capabilities,” Mathew said.

Close to 100 participants from different African countries are taking in the fourth exercise-play to be conducted in Rwanda.

Cooperation and training in particular is among the priorities of RNP.

308 Police officers retire from Rwanda National Police

A total of 308 police officers including two Deputy Commissioner Generals (DCGs), retired from Rwanda National Police (RNP). It is the second group to retire from the force.

The retired officers also include eight commissioners, 38 senior officers, 62 Junior officers, 156 Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and 44 Police Constables (PC). Among those retired include DCGs Stanley Nsabimana and Mary Gahonzire and Commissioner of Police (CP) Cyprien Gatete, Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) Dr. Wilson Rubanzana, Sam Karemera, Francis Nkwaya, Joseph Rudasingwa and Jimmy Hodari.

The Minister of Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, while delivering the President’s message at the official send-off party of the retired officers at the RNP headquarters in Kacyiru on August 3, commended them for their sacrifice and devoted services to build their country and Rwanda National Police in particular.

“Today, we are celebrating the sacrifices, integrity and patriotism you showcased in

the transformation of your country; The President commends you for your sacrifice and commitment in making Rwanda what it is today; whatever you will do after here should continue to depict the image of the country and institution you have built,” the Minister said.

“Your role in building Rwanda doesn’t end here instead you are moving into another category. You are leaving active police to reserve force; you are still part of the winning family and this country still needs your services in other capacities.”

“Always remember that the officers who are in service look at you as their role model and people of integrity,” the Minister said, urging them to use the knowledge, skills and expertise to continue contributing to the country’s development agenda.

The Minister also thanked their spouses and families for their patience, supporting and standing by them during their time in service.

He further thanked RNP for the good policing performance which he said have en-

hanced safety and security for the country’s development and urged the institution to maintain the spirit of keeping in contact with the retired officers.

Present was also the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, Deputy IGPs Dan Munyuzza of Operations and Juvenal Marizamunda of Administration and Personnel, and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Internal Security, Amb. Valens Munyabagisha. Nsabimana, who spoke on behalf of the retired officers, thanked Rwanda Patriotic Front and His Excellency the President, Paul Kagame for the “visionary leadership” that made them who they are today.

“This country made us who we are today, we understood Rwandan values and we stood for them; although we are leaving today, Rwanda National Police is still our family that we will continue to be part of in other capacities and ready to serve and use our expertise once called,” Nsabimana said.

He recalled 16 years ago when RNP was created but faced various challenges in building a professional force.

“We believed and we achieved. Today, the force stands firm serving Rwandans and beyond and we are proud to have been part of a focused and result-oriented family which we devote to continue serving even after here.”

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40 graduate in professional criminal investigations

The second intake of ‘Professional Criminal Investigation Course’ ended on July 2 bringing together 40 police officers.

The six-month course equipped the selected police officers with advanced competencies and skills enabling them to conduct and lead investigations both at national and regional level.

The course that started on February 8, covered a range of examinable modules mostly related to law, criminal investigations, criminology, human rights and professional conduct required of Judicial Police Officer.

30 complete Police Supervisory Course

A four-month Supervisory Course ended on May 6 at the National Police College (NPC) in Musanze District. It was the eighth intake that included of 30 students, 26 of them police officers and four from Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS).

The intensive training addressed emerging policing challenges; policing a developing community and dealing with contemporary security issues, among others.

CP Felix Namuhoranye, the commandant of NPC, who presided over the event, on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, said that the course is “highly demanding course.”

Security a major pillar to development, Governor Uwamariya tells Gatsibo residents

The Governor of the Eastern Province, Odette Uwamariya has attributed Rwanda's development to sustainable security and urged residents in the region to preserve it.

The Governor made the remarks on August 24 while addressing about 1500 residents of Kageyo, Gitoki and Gatsibo sectors in Gatsibo District.

The meeting was also attended by the Eastern Province Regional Police Commander (RPC) Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Emmanuel Karasi and representatives of other security organs and local leaders.

The meeting dwelt most on the issue of cattle theft in the region, and the need to forge strong partnership to fight and prevent all sorts of crimes.

"Our peace, development and all that has been achieved is attributed to stable security that we are currently enjoying throughout the country and it's within our responsibility to preserve and promote it. Theft of cattle is one of the security issues affecting farmers and which should be fought by everyone," Governor Uwamariya said.

During the same meeting, Rwanda National Police (RNP) paraded 20 suspects who were arrested in connection with cattle theft.

ACP Karasi reminded residents of their role in information sharing. "Whenever you encounter or suspect some-



one of being an offender, you should hurriedly inform us...it's through information sharing that we managed to arrest the 20 suspects that you have seen," ACP Karasi said.

He, however, went on to sensitize residents against drug trafficking and abuse pointing out illicit gin as the most drugs in the district that should be fought.

"We are aware of all tricks and routes that smugglers use and basing on such information we have been able to arrest some of the people involved due to information we get from some of you. I urge you all to work as a team and join the police efforts through information sharing to break chains of drug traffickers."

Inside the anti-fraud unit operations against tax evasion

The Revenue Protection Unit (RPU) recovered Rwf1.3 billion in taxes that otherwise would have been evaded through smuggling and fraud, reports show.

RPU is a Rwanda National Police (RNP) unit attached to Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) to fight smuggling and fraud.

According to statistics from RPU, more than Rwf191 million and Rwf101 million was recovered in November and December, respectively, last year.

The recovered public money includes taxes that otherwise would have been evaded and fines levied on evaders.

The Commanding Officer of RPU, Sam Bugingo, said: "Our aim is not to recover as much money as possible, it's to ensure that everyone understands the importance

of paying taxes and commits to that. Traders need to know that it's the taxes that run the country's development activities which benefit them as well."

He attributed the successful operations against fraud and smuggling to strong public partnership.

"Part of our responsibility is to inspect products coming in the country through all channels to ensure the owners pay taxes, but also deal with illegal merchandise in the country," Bugingo said.

"We understand smugglers use various tricks but we always try to be ahead of them and taking varied measures to detect and intercept them. Some of the traders undervalue the commodities, others use forged receipts and alter packaging.

He said the majority of the intercepted commodities include food stuff, liquors and clothes.

"The law is clear and this kind of malpractice will not be tolerated," Bugingo added.

Tax evasion and the law

Article 369 of the Penal Code stipulates that a taxpayer found guilty of tax evasion shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of between three to six months and a fine equal to the evaded tax.

Under the same article, if the taxpayer is guilty of deliberate tax evasion, such as false deliberate accounting entries, forgery and falsification of records or any other act punishable by law, he or she shall be liable

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Modern Markets promote security and development, Minister Gashumba



The Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Dr. Diane Gashumba said that modern markets are meant to promote public order, security and welfare of the people and fast-tracks national development.

She made the remarks on September 3 as she presided over the inauguration of a newly constructed modern market for former street vendors, in Nyabugogo, Nyarugenge District.

The market worth Rwf192 million was constructed by the City of Kigali (CoK) in partnership with other stakeholders including government ministries, security organs and the private sector.

Most of the occupants in the new market, which has the capacity of sheltering 3200 traders, are women.

"This market comes as a solution to security issues that were caused or likely to

be caused by street hawking like public disorder," Minister Gashumba said as she referred to situations where vendors may ram into a speeding car while scrambling for clients.

"There is no way your business can grow when you are on the streets...in this new market you are all credit-worthy which is a realization of President Paul Kagame strategy to have at least 50 percent women having access to financial facilitation by 2017," she added.

"Remember that maintaining security isn't the responsibility of the police and other security agencies alone, it starts with you."

She noted that they have been empowered as strong partners in policing and must work closely with security organs in particular security agents that have been brought closer to them, to keep their mar-

ket safe. Speaking at the event, the Mayor of City of Kigali Monique Mukaruliza detailed the partnership between CoK and Rwanda National Police (RNP) in promoting security and hygiene and went on to say that "Nyabugogo Modern Market was constructed to promote legal trade and ensure public order in the city."

The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana said: "Street vending was posing security challenges, disorder and an obstacle to the development in our city, which we must stop jointly."

He linked the inaugurated market with the ongoing security and hygiene campaign championed by CoK and RNP, urging occupants to ensure they keep the market clean at all times.

"This market comes as a vision realized and as per the Head of State's guidance, it's our responsibility to find solutions to problems affecting us as Rwandans...this market comes as one of the solutions that wholesomely develop Rwandans," the Police Chief said. He emphasised the need to organise and operate in cooperatives saying that it's the easiest way they can garner more financial support for fast business growth.

Daniel Byishimo the coordinator of the market thanked several institutions that put efforts together to realize that the market is constructed and to give hope to former street vendors.

The market was constructed following a mini census which indicated that there were 8300 street vendors in the City of Kigali, with over 5000 of them operating in Nyarugenge.

As a result, 12 markets have so far been constructed in different parts of the town to help vendors get off the streets and operate in organized manners.

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Musanze boosted with creation of 113 anti-crime clubs

Activities to promote safety and security and prevent crimes in Musanze District are gaining momentum following the creation of at least 113 anti-crime clubs in schools and in communities.

The clubs have been credited for increased awareness and information exchange on wrongdoers in real

time, which has led to the reduction in specific crimes especially drug and gender based related crimes.

According to Inspector of Police (IP) Viateur Ntiyamira, the District Community Liaison Officer of Musanze, 56 clubs have been created in schools while 57 others were established in cells.

"We have a designed programme in partnership with members of Rwanda Youth Volunteers in Community Policing (RYVCP) in Musanze to ensure that at least each school and all 68 cells in the Musanze have an anti-crime club, and so far so good...we expect to cover all the cells by the end of next month," IP Ntiyamira said.

Rwanda, Uganda Police Chiefs meet on cross-border cooperation



The Inspector General of Uganda Police Force, Gen. Kale Kayihura has said that globalization and technological advancement have made it hard for security agencies to remain in reactive policing of acting independently.

IGP Kayihura made the remarks on August 16 during a bilateral meeting between Rwanda and Uganda police forces held at the Rwanda National Police (RNP) General Headquarters in Kacyiru.

He was leading a delegation from UPF specifically to benchmark on RNP's experience on road safety and traffic control. At RNP, the delegation was received by the Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana. The meeting was also attended by the Deputy IGP in charge of Operations, Dan Muniyuza, commissioners and senior

police officers from the two institutions.

"There is a lot of work to do to jointly confront the threats we all face, we need to continue learning and helping each other; when there's insecurity in Uganda, Rwanda will in some way be affected as well and this necessitates us to respond holistically as a team," Gen. Kayihura said.

Rwanda and Uganda Police institutions enjoys cross border cooperation entailed in the memorandum of understanding signed between the two forces to partner to develop their capabilities through training, sharing of experiences and best practices, joint coordinated operations within respective common borders, combating human trafficking and the influx of illegal cross-border and capacity building in other varied policing domains.

Gen. Kayihura applauded Rwanda's leadership and RNP in particular for transforming its police institution calling it an "inspirational."

"It's amazing what you have achieved in a very short time and this is a testimony to the great leadership of this country," he said. The delegation was given a presentation on traffic control and future projections among others.

The future projections include the 'Automated Drivers' Testing Centre' slated to be operational in the near future; body-worn cameras for road safety evidence-based investigations and Integrated Intelligent Traffic Management System

IGP Gasana appreciated the existing cooperation between the two police forces in terms of sharing security issues and experience.

"The existing cooperation has helped to lay strategies to find a common way of responding to cross-border and transnational organized crimes," IGP Gasana said

Earlier on, another bench marking was made by Uganda's Police Chief and his delegation at Rwanda Utility Regulatory Agency (RURA) where he was shown the international telecom gateway verification centre, which verifies the amount of communication that enters Rwanda on real time basis.

The system helps to check and verify the declarations of mobile telecom operators.

Gisozi residents construct Police station

Residents of Gisozi Sector in Gasabo District constructed a fully-fledged Police station valued at over Rwf23 million as part of their community policing initiative to support security activities in the area.

The Police station, which has offices, a detention facility, mess, accommodation for the attached officers and fully connected with Internet, was inaugurated on May 31 by the Minister of Local Government, Francis Kaboneka, who was accompanied by the Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana.

The event was also attended by the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) in charge of Administration and Personnel, Juvenal Marizamunda the mayor of Gasabo Stephen Rwamurangwa and local leaders in Gasabo and the City of Kigali, among others. Minister Kaboneka described the initiative as "fruits of good governance."

While emphasizing teamwork as a crucial tool and power in development, the Minister challenged other sectors to borrow a leaf.

"Local government is in charge of implementing development policies but this can't be realized when there is insecurity; This kind of partnership indicates the existing bond between the people and local government with Police, and paves way for smooth implementation of policies," Minister Kaboneka said.

"We can hardly achieve anything if we work in isolation; this kind of partnership should continue to thrive at all levels as we continue to work together to prevent any-

RNP, CoK, districts sign Imihigo on security and hygiene

Rwanda National Police (RNP), the City of Kigali (CoK) and the districts of Nyarugenge, Gasabo and Kicukiro signed a performance contract – Imihigo – on August 8, to formalize the existing partnership in promoting security and hygiene in the capital.

The Imihigo was signed between the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, city mayor Monique Mukaruziza and the mayors of the three districts that compose Kigali city in an event held at the City Hall

This followed Imihigo signed between all executive secretaries of the 35 sectors in the city and their respective districts.

Security

The performance contract that runs until the end of the year binds all parties to jointly fight narcotics and illicit drugs, sell of alcoholic drinks to minors, address the issues of domestic and gender based violence and proper organization and functioning of community night patrols – Irondo – and ensure public order management

Others include promotion of road safety, fighting fire outbreak through joint public awareness and training, noise pollution, ensuring effectiveness of community policing committees and timely information sharing.

RNP, on the other hand is particularly charged with enforcing laws and bylaws to ensure public order.

Hygiene

Under the hygiene domain, both RNP and CoK have recommitted to further raise pub-



lic awareness on hygiene and environmental standards, waste management, greening, improve community and individual sanitation and hygiene.

Both RNP and City of Kigali have been engaged in joint security and hygiene awareness campaigns for over one year including awarding best performers at the Village, Cell, Sector, district and individual levels

"The commitment we have made with Rwanda National Police is an indication that we want to take our city to another level," city mayor, Mukaruziza, said.

She said that Kigali is developing very fast adding that security and hygiene have to be at the same pace as well.

She further urged the local leaders to put

much emphasis in fighting drug abuse especially among the youth, the most affected, vagrants and other activity that lead to disorder in the city

On his part, IGP Gasana noted that this "comes with tough measures of ensuring public safety and sanitation.

"Security and development are inseparable, that's why we have to jointly invest a lot of efforts to ensure sustainable security," IGP Gasana said

He noted that hygiene goes hand in hand with individual safety and challenged the local leaders to be defined by results in this campaign. Present at the event were also COK Vice mayors some Police commissioners and all executive Secretaries of COK.

thing that can affect the country's development agenda. We will continue to make this partnership stronger and fruitful," he noted. "As police, these residents expect you to deliver to the required standard."

IGP Gasana thanked the residents of Gisozi, the leadership of the sector and the district for the valuable initiative.

"What we are witnessing today is hinged on the national security and development agenda. Between Police and local government, there is community policing which aims at raising awareness, detecting, fight-

ing and preventing crimes," IGP Gasana said.

"Development and security can't be realised without this commendable cooperation. We can only say that it was not in vain... we will continue to develop together using the little available means to achieve what we need," he noted.

Theophile Niragire, the executive secretary of Gisozi explained that the idea to construct the Police station was born out of the fact that residents were facing challenges walking long distances to Kinyinya police

station, which was also serving Gisozi.

"Even when residents contributed and bought a vehicle, we thought it wise that it can be used in other activities rather than only transporting wrongdoers to Kinyinya," Niragira said. Gisozi was the only sector in Gasabo, which had no Police station.

Gasabo is composed of 15 sectors. Rwa-murangwa, however, said that the district in partnership with the sectors and residents will continue to work together to facelift other police stations to the required standard.

Northern Province: Governor Bosenibamwe tasks local leaders on security



The Governor of the Northern Province, Aime Bosenibamwe said that implementation of security and development initiatives lies in the hands of leaders at all levels and that reluctance is an unacceptable, luxury that gives room for malpractices that undermine development.

The Governor made the remarks on September 9 in Gakenke District as he chaired a provincial security meeting that drew all local leaders from the Village to the regional level.

It was also attended by the Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Eugene Nkubito and the Regional Police Commander (RPC) Chief Inspector of Police (CSP) Sam Rumanzi and representatives from faith-based organizations, among others.

Top on the agenda was to discuss on the role of the local leaders in the aspects of security and Irondo (community night patrols) in particular, sanitation and hygiene

and thorough follow up on smooth implementation of development programmes, among others.

Governor Bosenibamwe noted that security is portrayed in every aspect and development adding that specific initiatives like Irondo give meaning and value to developing communities.

"The success of these initiatives and programmes to spur safety, security and development depends on you as grassroots leaders; how you work with the people and security organs as teams," Bosenibamwe said.

He also hinted on the issue of radicalization and challenged the leaders to be close to the people, show them the right path, always update and be accountable to them.

CSP Rumanzi emphasized that both security organs and local authorities share responsibilities in the country's development, which beams on the foundation of security.

"Community policing is equally for you to implement, it's constitutionally in your powers as well. It has made impact in the last 16 years but there is still more to be done to prevent the young generation from the scourge of drug abuse, fight abuses women and children still face and other malpractices that affect the people's well being," the RPC said. The Northern region still faces challenges of drug trafficking and abuse illicit gin, especially in the districts of Burera and Gicumbi where the vice is considered to be still high.

Last month, 3060 litres of crude gin commonly known as Kanyanga, 651 cartons of Chief and Kitoko Waragi and 19680 sachets of Blue Sky seized in varied operations in Gicumbi, were destroyed.

CSP Rumanzi noted that exchange of information in real time holds the power for timely response, arrest of criminals and prevention of crime.

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330 cartons of polythene bags seized

An attempt to smuggle plastic bags into the country was foiled on May 19 when Police in Bugesera District arrested a commercial cyclist transporting over 66, 000 pieces of the banned non biodegradable bags.

The polythene bags, packed in 330 cartons, were seized in Gashora Sector, following a tip-off from an area resident, Police said.

The prime suspect, who was transporting the

bags at the time, was arrested.

Use and sale of polythene bags was prohibited in 2008 and punishable under the law. Plastic bags are viewed as a threat to the ecosystem.

RNP, SFH Rwanda, youth Volunteers join efforts to promote security and hygiene

Rwanda National Police (RNP), Society for Family Health (SFH) Rwanda and the Rwanda Youth Volunteers in Community Policing Organisation (RYVCO) have signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding to strengthen awareness in security and hygiene.

The agreement was signed on May 4 at the RNP headquarters in Kacyiru and signatories included: ACP Damas Gatere, commissioner for community policing, Manasseh Gihana Wandera, executive director of SFH Rwanda and Justus Kangwagye, the Coordinator of RYVCO.

The signing ceremony was presided over by the Minister of Local Government, Francis Kaboneka, the Minister of Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana and Inspector General of Police, IGP Emmanuel K Gasana.

It was also graced by the provincial Governors, district mayors and attended by heads and representatives of the youth volunteers from all districts, their Executive committee among others.

According to the agreement, both RNP and SFH Rwanda will, among others, reinforce the activities of youth volunteers, who will spearhead behavioral change in communities towards sustainable security, health and hygiene.

SFH Rwanda will, partly, avail its health and hygiene products and services to the youth including Interpersonal communication (IPC) sessions, promotional materials, to aid them in their awareness campaigns to ensure a crime free environment and healthy communities.

Minister Kaboneka noted that although Rwanda is a safe country, there are issues related to drug abuse, injustices by some people and leaders, and hygiene issues, among others, which still exist and have to be addressed soonest possible.

"Drug abuse can be a threat to the youth and ultimately to the nation, and so is unhygienic communities. Rwanda is yours and this country expects a lot from you," Minister Kaboneka told the youth.

"Rwanda has become one of the safest



countries globally due to such concerted efforts and we have no doubt that this partnership will drive it further through timely information to facilitate crime prevention and detection," he added.

In his remarks Mr Gihana Manasseh Executive Director SFH, said. "This partnership is quite critical because it has attracted this mass of energetic youth; whose population is estimated to grow up to one million in the next one year. They will be our facilitators... our peer educators, who will go down to the grassroots level to teach, educate, mobilize and sensitize the public towards living in a hygienic environment and elimination of malnutrition, we thank the Government for giving us this opportunity to contribute to our national development"

SFH is a local non-governmental organization that engages private partners to jointly implement specific programmes in line with the needs of society, with special focus on health-related programmes.

Malnutrition, Gihana said, is still a big problem in Rwanda adding that it is "mostly about behavior and practices" that such organized youth, when "well equipped can be agents of change towards elimination of

malnutrition."

Kangwagye, on his part, said that as the youth organization, their "voices and actions in this campaign will roar down to the grassroots level" but called upon the civil society to utilize the power of the youth if their targets are to be effectively met.

According to police, Hygiene, health and security are closely linked because safety begins with individual's survival. "promotion of people's well being effectively leads to crime prevention and this is what community policing is all about. ACP Celestin Twahirwa said.

"Our major role is to train YVCO, coordinate with them and SFH in the implementation of this MOU and furtherance of the human security activities they are to undertake. ACP Twahirwa emphasized.

This MoU comes to reinforce the existing unique partnership between RNP and RYVCO enshrined in their agreement signed in May last year to formalize their partnership in community awareness and fight against crimes through promotion of community safety and realizing the idea of human security a tradition.



RNP challenges motorcyclists on security

The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, on August 27, urged thousands of commercial motorcyclists operating in the City of Kigali to be champions of public safety mainly through abiding by traffic rules and providing timely information to the police on wrongdoers.

Addressing the commercial motorcyclists at Amahoro stadium shortly after Umuganda, the Police Chief took stock of their contribution to public safety and development and appealed to them to distance themselves from members who involve in varied malpractices and tarnish the image of their profession.

"Commercial motorcyclists like any other business profession, is valued for its significant role on the economy of Rwanda and individual development in particular, but what you do should as well carry and promote the image of safety and security," IGP Gasana said. He urged them to always be vigilant not to be used by criminals, who pose as passengers, and be defined by their professional conduct, integrity and standard for Rwandan values.

He further reminded them to value their lives while on road and ride with care respecting road safety standards, to prevent accidents and loss of lives.

During the event, motorists were given a presentation containing images of some of their colleagues, who violated traffic rules and end up in fatal accidents like overloading, and those caught transporting psychotropic substances.

Reacting on the images, the IGP condemned such malpractices and urged operators to take internal measures and partner with police by reporting such members, who hide behind the profession to abet other crimes and put people's lives at risk.

"You should stand up against such ill-conducts and whenever you see a colleague violating the law, condemn them and where possible inform security organs," he said.

"Some of you have had the courage of standing up against your colleagues who are involved in criminal activities; we encourage you to keep that spirit."

The Police Chief further appealed to the motorcyclists to stand up and partner with police in the fight against corruption and bribery in particular, and utilize available communication channels to report such people, including police officers who involve in such malpractices.

Rwanda National Police currently has ten toll-free lines allocated for varied issues. They include 110 for maritime, 111 for fire

and rescue brigade, 112 for emergency, 113 and 118 for traffic-related issues, 997 corruptions, 3511 abuse by police officer, 3512 A-GBV, 3029 Isange One Stop Centre and 116 child help line.

He highlighted drug abuse and human trafficking as other high impact crimes which they should give focus to fight.

The Vice Mayor in Charge of Economic development in the City of Kigali, Parfait Busabizwa, ceased the opportunity to tutor motorcyclists on the link between security and hygiene.

"Rwanda's main resource is her person; that's why we can't afford to lose them because of a single individual's mistakes. If you encounter one of your colleagues violating traffic rules, inform the police immediately," Busabizwa said.

The vice mayor went on to urge them to take part in government development programmes saying that "there is a lot Rwanda can achieve through collective efforts."

The President of the federation of motorcycle cooperatives in Rwanda (FERWACOTAMO) Celestin Ntaganzwa thanked Rwanda National Police for its continued partnership and requested the force to train more of their federation security personnel – a request that the IGP granted.

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40 graduate in professional criminal investigations

The second intake of 'Professional Criminal Investigation Course' ended on July 2 bringing together 40 police officers.

The six-month course equipped the

selected police officers with advanced competencies and skills enabling them to conduct and lead investigations both at national and regional level.

The course that started on February

8, covered a range of examinable modules mostly related to law, criminal investigations, criminology, human rights and professional conduct required of Judicial Police Officer.

Residents of Bugesera District were urged to be active partners through real time information sharing, especially on gender and child abuse related crimes.

The Commissioner for Public Relations and Media in Rwanda National Police (RNP) Assistant Commissioner of Police Celestin Twahirwa, who doubles as Police spokesperson, made the call yesterday while addressing over 3000 residents of Bugesera on September 8 at an ongoing anti- Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse campaign.

ACP Twahirwa noted that there are some people who take advantage of other's vulnerability and abuse them, adding that to combat such ills requires ownership on the part of every individual and reporting every single case they come across.

The event was also attended by the Mayor of Bugesera, Emmanuel Nsanzumuhire and the director of Isange One Stop Centres, Supt. Shafiga Murebwayire.

The campaign targets areas marked as hotspots to highlight and address challenges associated with GBV and child abuse, and to further narrow the Police-public gap in timely sharing of information on any form of abuse.

"GBV is real and it's a responsibility for each of us to use all possible means to eliminate it. This is not a one man's fight...it concerns everyone," Twahirwa said.

"If you managed to rebuild the country from the ruins of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, then we can't fail on this front of eliminating GBV and child abuse,"

He noted that sharing such information is a contribution to national development since it helps in ensuring that societies are safe from any form of violence. Remember, a community that is safe focuses more on developing itself than spending much time in conflicts, he noted.

The public awareness followed an earlier

Anti-GBV campaign: Bugesera residents urged on ownership



meeting with over 200 local and opinion leaders, which also focused on strong collaboration to raise the awareness and fight against the vice.

"Silence is betrayal; the only way we are going to eliminate this form of abuse is through breaking the silence," ACP Twahirwa told local leaders.

The campaign also seeks to enlighten the general population on the services offered by Isange One Stop Centre, which currently operates in 28 district hospitals across the country.

The centre was established in 2009 with the support of the First Lady Jeannette Kagame through Imbutu Foundation, to offer free medical, psycho-socio and legal services to the victims of GBV and child abuse.

It also conducts post treatment follow up.

The Mayor of Bugesera, Emmanuel Nsanzumuhire, thanked Police for its continued efforts in fighting GBV.

During the meeting, residents who had concerns related to domestic and gender based violence filed them with the Isange One Stop Centre mobile clinic – a fully-fledged vehicle that offers all Isange clinical services.

Police records indicate that at least 79 cases related to GBV and child abuse have been registered between January and August this year in Bugesera.

They include defilement, rape, battery, corporal punishment and two cases of murder.

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Anti-fraud unit intercepts truck loaded with smuggled liquor

The Revenue Protection Unit (RPU) which fights fraud and smuggling intercepted a truck in Nyabihu District carrying about 60 boxes of Drostdy Hof wine smuggled into the country through an illegal border. This came on the heels of the intensified aware-

ness and operations against smuggling.

Under the East African Community Customs Management Act, the driver of the vehicle intercepted in smuggling is fined US\$5, 000 while the vehicle and the impounded goods are

auctioned.

Article 369 of the penal code states that anyone found guilty of tax evasion shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of between three and six months and a fine equal to the evaded tax.

Campaign against human trafficking reaping big

Rwanda National Police (RNP) in partnership with its stakeholders in policing have embarked on various strategies to combat human trafficking with the major tool being through public awareness campaigns.

Human Trafficking came to the limelight in the recent years as one of the emerging crimes globally in the category of organized and cross border crimes.

In various international policing meetings, human trafficking was seen to be increasing worldwide especially people being trafficked from Africa to Asian and Arab countries, among other destinations.

According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half of them children.

However, in the region, the situation is relatively at a very low level compared to other regions.

"In case of Rwanda, we have witnessed few cases of Rwandans being trafficked, but we have also intercepted victims from the region and beyond including Ugandans and Burundians. In 2009, we intercepted 51 Bangladeshi in Kigali, who were in transit to Mozambique," RNP spokesperson, ACP Celestin Twahirwa said.

The establishment of Interpol's I-24/7 communication system at all exit and entry points in 2013 has enhanced the capacity to detect movement of transnational criminals including human traffickers.

"RNP and its partners took it upon themselves to raise awareness among Rwandans about the dangers of human trafficking as emerging modern day slavery where people are sold as commodities," ACP Twahirwa said.

He added that the government effort against human trafficking, gender based



violence and drug abuse has supported all the policing strategies to protect Rwandans.

"We have bilateral, regional and international cooperation which are complimentary to other government efforts. In implementation of this cooperation, there have been regional and international campaigns against the crime including command post exercise. Community awareness through community policing plays a bigger role to inform the general public on modes of human trafficking, the tricks traffickers use, targeted groups, common destinations and the kind of consequences endured by the victims," said ACP Twahirwa.

The recent US Department of State report on Trafficking in Persons of July 2015 attests to Rwanda's efforts in combating human trafficking and put emphasis on the country's prevention measures as outstanding.

"This kind of awareness did not only prevent human trafficking but also smuggling of people. The public has been the main source of information of any suspicion re-

lated to human trafficking whether real or perceived and this has helped RNP to keep the crimes at bay," said the Police spokesperson.

In 2013, RNP successfully rescued a young Rwandan senior six student, who had been trafficked to Zambia through Uganda and Tanzania.

Working closely with the Zambia, Uganda and Tanzania Police forces, and International Police (Interpol), investigations were carried out until she was successfully rescued and returned her to her family.

"We intend to take it to another level and jointly achieve more," he said.

"We wish to appreciate the role of our partners including relevant government institutions, development partners, police ambassadors, Rwanda Youth Volunteers in Community Policing (RYVCP), associations and cooperatives of public transporters, anti-crime clubs in schools and the general public for their continued cooperation in addressing this vice," said ACP Twahirwa.

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ACP Mbonyumuvunyi urges private sector to fight corruption

The Commissioner for Inspectorate of Services and Ethics at Rwanda National Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Jean Nepo Mbonyumuvunyi urged entrepreneurs and members of the private sector to refrain and fight tendencies of corruption and be part of crime prevention drive.

This was during a meeting with over 400 representatives of the private sector in Gasabo District in June.

He urged the business community to enhance their efforts in reporting anyone who may attempt to give or solicit a bribe.

"Like other crimes, corruption is an offense that has a ill-effect to the economy and welfare of a nation," ACP Mbonyumuvunyi said.

He warned that "there is a high price to pay for corruption."

RNP launches new unmarked patrol vehicles

The Rwanda National Police (RNP) department of traffic and road safety has launched a new initiative aimed at controlling traffic flow and preventing accidents on highways and in busy urban centres.

The unmarked police cars will be dispatched across the country with plain clothed police officers to keep defiant drivers in check, according to Commissioner of Police (CP) George Rumanzi, the commissioner for traffic and road safety.

"We have found out that most accidents happen few metres after the vehicles involved have crossed the traffic police post; this is because when they cross the traffic posts, they increase speed, start using phones while driving and all sorts of bad driving behaviours," CP Rumanzi said.

"Drivers also have a tendency of signaling each other on the whereabouts of traffic police officers and this, unfortunately, gives them liberty to breach road safety standards which continues to deprive people of their lives; these are unacceptable behaviours that this new initiative comes to address to spot and penalize such defiant drivers," he added.

The vehicles are well equipped with all the traffic related materials including overhead



removable traffic lights which are stored in the trunk and can be fitted on when the officer wants to stop the traffic offender.

"Plain-clothed officers will first identify themselves and present their service cards before taking any action against the offender." "This and many other initiatives are meant to protect the lives of people; our intention is not to penalize people, but to ensure that roads are safe for all. Respecting traffic rules and regulations and saving your life should be the responsibility

of every road user, it shouldn't get to the extent of penalizing you for putting your life and others at risk," the traffic chief said.

Public transport vehicles are said to be the most involved in accidents, according to a report by the traffic department on road security status.

At least 91 people died in 245 road accidents involving public transport vehicles recorded since July last year, 408 others surviving with injuries, some which are lifetime.

Inside the anti-fraud unit operations against tax evasion

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to a term of imprisonment of six months to two years and a fine equal to the evaded tax.

"A big number of cases related to tax evasion are handed to prosecution each month. This has helped to send a strong warning and to deter anyone with intentions to engage in this illegal activity," Bugingo explained.

"We know that some business people are always looking for loopholes to smuggle goods – and that is why we conduct random operations, mount roadblocks and conduct targeted operations based on information from whistleblowers or the public through community policing."

He said through such operations, RPU has found shops and supermarkets selling smuggled goods without tax stamps. In order to recover the taxes, the Police seize such products and inform RRA, which imposes fines on the wrongdoers.

Bugingo said RPU has officers deployed

across the country and at all border posts.

"We collaborate with all stakeholders to educate and sensitise the population on tax payment, investigate taxation offences and facilitate commercial activities," he said. RPD and RRA have put in place strategies to improve tax adherence among,

which include establishing a platform for tax good governance, which discusses reforms in revenue collection, as well as engage the business community on how they can cooperate with authorities to fight illegal business practices that are conducted with intent to evade tax.



60 'Gender Focal Points' train in management, leadership



The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) in charge of Administration and Personnel, Juvenal Marizamunda challenged police officers to protect and promote gender equality in areas of their operations.

He was speaking on August 22 as he officiated at the opening of a five-day workshop of 60 Police officers, who act as Gender Focal Points in districts, held at the Rwanda National Police (RNP) General Headquarters in Kacyiru.

Majority of the Gender Focal Points were station commanders.

The workshop was organized to empower the officers in strategic management and leadership and one of the major factors for sustainable development.

It is in line with the implementation of the

RNP gender policy on gender promotion to promote and empower women officers and improve their capacities in decision making

RNP boosts of a fully-fledged Gender Promotion directorate.

DIGP Marizamunda reminded participants that they represent the institution in implementing its gender promotion policy, among other initiatives, and urged them to be catalysts in the execution process.

Rwanda National Police, he said, is committed to Rwanda's gender policy including attaining the 30 percent minimum threshold for women population in all public institutions. Currently, women police officers account for over 20 percent of the total RNP population

He urged them to be defined by dis-

cipline, integrity and moral values. "The people come to you and look up to you for solutions to their problems and you should handle their issues with utmost professionalism; be exemplary to your subordinates and work as a team in response to the needs of the people," DIGP Marizamunda said

The workshop will tackle issues related to conflict prevention and management, command and control in police stations, leadership and community policing, among others.

Other topics to be covered include ethics and force discipline, customer care and service delivery; gender mainstreaming; GBV prevention and crime response and effective communication and public relations.

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Congo Brazzaville Gender Minister visit Isange One Stop Centre

The Minister of Gender of Congo Brazzaville, Inès Nefer Ingani visited the Rwanda National Police (RNP) Isange One Stop Centre in Kacyiru on June 12 and congratulated Rwanda and the force in particular for valuing the impact of women and fighting for their rights.

Isange, literally meaning 'welcome' responds to the needs of victims of gender based violence and child abuse including legal, medical and psycho-socio services, and offered

freely.

Minister Ingani, who was accompanied by her Rwandan counterpart, Dr. Diane Gashumba, was taken through various chambers of the holistic centre and explained on how it functions in partnership with other entities including the ministries of Health, Justice and Gender and Family Promotion.

"I came here to witness and learn how Rwanda has succeeded in its gender policy. We chose Rwanda because

of her reputation in gender equality," Minister Ingani said.

"I am impressed with the way Isange is set up and functions to support victims of GBV and child abuse... Rwanda serves as an example to many countries. This system informs us how to effectively deal with the same challenges at home," she added.

Isange has received over 10,000 cases since its establishment in 2009, most of them related to GBV.

Police Senior Command and Staff Course' intake 4 graduate



Thirty One Senior Police officers from 10 African countries, on July 02, graduated after successfully completing a one-year Police Senior Command and Staff course at Rwanda National Police College(NPC) in Musanze District.

The graduands of the fourth intake of NPC's highest academic course were from Ethiopia, The Gambia, Kenya, Burundi, Namibia, South Sudan, Tanzania Uganda, Zambia and Rwanda, the hosts.

The one-year course offers strategic Command and leadership skills as well Master's programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation offered in partnership with the Centre for Conflict Management of the University of Rwanda.

It combines Police components, which include command, and operational staff work offered by Rwanda National Police, and a post graduate diploma in strategic management and leadership offered by Maastricht School of Management from Netherlands.

The Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana who officiated at the ceremony conferred the 31 graduands with certificates and decorated them with the Passed-Staff-College symbol(PSC).

"I, Musa Fazil Harerimana, Minister of Inter-

nal Security, responsible for RNP, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Paul Kagame and by virtual of authority entrusted to him by the law, on the occasion of your completion of Police Senior Command and Staff in this college I do hereby confer to you the title of Passed Staff College from this day," minister Harerimana, said.

The Minister told attendants in his address that; "This is yet another indication of the great extent to which Rwanda National Police has moved towards its vision to see that people in Rwanda are safe, involved and reassured, by increasingly building the capacity of its personnel at all levels."

"In line with this and considering the contemporary nature of human interactions and the ever changing environment of crimes, associated with globalisation and technological advancement, I believe cooperation is key in both, taking advantage of the positive aspects of the current world system and fighting against negative aspects like transnational crimes," he said.

Just like the previous three intakes, Harerimana said, the sharing of experiences and learning together constitutes a milestone in consolidating the regional cooperation and integration

especially in the domain of law enforcement.

"The inseparable link between human resource development and better service delivery to the people is the key to professionalism and a culture of efficiency which contributes to a nation's progress. The protection of people and property is a major ingredient to security and security is a precondition for sustainable development. There cannot be any better investment than equipping those responsible for ensuring such a noble cause," the Minister said

The commandant of NPC, Commissioner of Police(CP) Felix Namuhoranye, who elaborated on the details of the course, thanked students for discipline and enthusiasm exhibited during the course. He added that; "I am confident that the knowledge acquired will not only benefit the graduands but also their nations and the continent entirely. He pledged that government's support to RNP in capacity building efforts and academic programmes and also urged graduands to maintain the bond they formed since the beginning of the course in the interest of sharing experience.

The course acquired by the officers is the highest conducted by NPC. According to the Commandant of NPC, Commissioner of Po-

lice (CP) Felix Namuhoranye, the course is designed to impart selected senior police officers with strategic management, leadership command and policing skills as it opens them to the global understanding of the contemporary peace and conflict management.

Participants spent time on field studies both in and outside Rwanda to establish a nexus between theories they learn in class and tangible realities on the ground.

The graduation was attended by dignitaries from different countries including Rwandan Senior government, Police, and military officers.

Among them include; the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, the commandant of Rwanda Defence Force Command and Staff College Maj. Gen Jean-Bosco Kazura, the representative of South Sudan IGP, Lt Gen Abraham Peter Manyuat and senior lecturers from University of Rwanda who offered lectures to the graduands.

"RNP strongly believe that contemporary policing environment compels us to share these skills with other African countries because in policing no countries can go alone...it is in this spirit that that the course attracted 30 participants from eight African countries," NPC commandant, Commissioner of Police Felix Namuhoranye, said.

During the period of one year, participants were taken through a combined programme addressing both professional and academic needs at the strategic police command level.

"I know that the training has been demanding but I hope it was also educative and rewarding. I am confident that, for many of you, this was a critical opportunity to build on your field of exposure and experience in order to improve your personal confidence to test the validity of your academic learning and to acquire the skills and knowledge that you can use to improve your own performance," CP Namuhoranye said.

During the ceremony, Minister Harerimana also awarded the four best performing students; SACP Godfrey Mwanza from Zambian Police was awarded with the best academic paper award for presenting the best commandant paper; RNP's Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Bosco Rangira emerged the most disciplined student for his outstanding conduct throughout the course while Tanzania's ACP Suzan Kaganda scooped the best allied student's award for her exceptional academic command and leadership qualities exhibited in different capacities.

The overall best student's award went to ACP Rafiki Mujiji for demonstrating outstanding leadership, management and command coupled with advanced academic abilities and teamwork.



AU peacekeeping course ends at PTS Gishari

The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Emmanuel K. Gasana said that Rwanda National Police (RNP) believes in quality training as a "cornerstone for institutional success and the best welfare for any serviceman" to confront emerging security challenges.

He made the remarks on June 17 as he officiated at the closing of a ten-day African Union Police Pre-deployment course at the Police Training School (PTS) Gishari in Rwamagana District.

The course organized in partnership with Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) and Germany International Cooperation (GIZ), was developed to maintain and achieved Full Operational Capability (FOC) for the multinational peace support operations, was attended by 54 Police officers from EASF member states and Denmark.

Participants were from Comoros, Denmark, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Rwanda.

The Police Chief congratulated trainees for successfully completing the course and challenged them to utilize the acquired knowledge and skills for the best of the Af-

rican people, where they will be deployed.

"We need to understand the environment we are operating in and that's why we need to share security architecture of the region and beyond. We need to always enhance our mutual cooperation through trainings like this," he added.

Training is a new chapter of cooperation between Denmark and EASF member countries, Assistant Police Commissioner Pelle Redder, EASF Senior Police Advisor, who also represented the Danish government at the event, said.

One of the trainees, Superintendent Kim Refshammer from Denmark thanked RNP for according them the "most appropriate environment for training."

"We had highly skilled instructors who taught us a lot that is relevant with modern day policing and peacekeeping," Refshammer said. The course was aligned with peacekeeping missions in Africa.

Throughout the course, officers covered aspects of AU and EASF common systems and how to address policing challenges in peacekeeping missions, including the emerging asymmetric threats.

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30 complete Police Supervisory Course

A four-month Supervisory Course ended on May 6 at the National Police College (NPC) in Musanze District. It was the eighth intake that included of 30 students, 26 of them police officers and four from Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS).

The intensive training addressed emerging policing challenges;

policing a developing community and dealing with contemporary security issues, among others.

CP Felix Namuhoranye, the commandant of NPC, who presided over the event, on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, said that the course is "highly demanding course."



UN decorates 741 Rwandan Police peacekeepers in CAR, Darfur and S. Sudan

The United Nations, separately, decorated Rwanda Police peacekeepers serving in Central African Republic (CAR), Darfur, and South Sudan, with service medal in recognition of their outstanding contribution to safety, security and peace in their areas of responsibilities.

In CAR, 448 officers serving under the UN Mission for Stabilization in CAR (MINUSCA) received their medals on August 26 in a ceremony held in the capital Bangui, and presided over by the Special Representative of United Nations Secretary General in CAR and head of Mission, Parfait Onanga Anyanga.

The decorated officers included two

Rwanda Formed Police Units (FPUs) and a Protection and Support Unit (PSU) contingents, and Individual Police Officers (IPOs) who act as Police advisors.

The occasion was also attended by MINUSCA Police Commissioner Luis Miguel Carrilho, MINUSCA Force Commander Lt. Gen. Balla Keita and the Mayor of Bangui Emile Gros-Raymond Nakombo, among other high ranking officials.

In his speech, the Special Representative thanked the decorated officers for their "commitment" during their tour of duty.

"I have no doubt that your discipline, professionalism and patriotism came from your history of resilience comprised of spirit of

excellence and hope, which also resulted into excellent leadership back in your country" Anyanga said.

The Police Commissioner Luis Miguel Carrilho noted that the medals depict their good conduct and commitment to their mission.

"You stood by the UN core values; respect of diversity, integrity and professionalism," Carrilho said.

The commander of Police peacekeepers in CAR, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Gilbert R. Gumira thanked MINUSCA, fellow peacekeepers and the government and people of CAR for their support, which he attributed to their success.

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Pentecostal church intensifies anti-narcotics drive in Rubavu

The ADEPR Pentecostal church in Rubavu extended its anti-drug abuse campaign to the parishes of Kanembwe and Mbugangari parishes, on August 28, attracting about 1800 people mainly the youth in a one-kilometre walk to raise the flag high against the vice.

The church has for the past one month been holding series of anti

drug abuse campaigns through crusades and processions to rally its followers and the public in general against the vice.

It has so far swept the parishes of Gatovu, Bugeshi, Mahoko, Gisenyi, Kanzenze, Mudende, Nyamyumba and Rugerero parishes.

The representative of ADEPR-

Rubavu, Antoine Ruberwa said: "Our church principles have a close connection with Rwanda National Police mandate of crime prevention... we found it necessary to go beyond the church and take the campaigns to the general public in order to preserve the safety and security of Rwandans."



"The success was due to the team spirit and discipline of every Rwandan peacekeeper, and cohesion with other MINUS-CA contingents and the people of Bangui," said ACP Gumira.

The decorated officers provided security during the Pope's visit, security during CAR elections and close protection of president Prof. Faustin Archange Touadera during campaigns; security during French president's visit and ensuring free movement of people especially in trouble districts of 3, 4, 5 and 8 in Bangui.

South Sudan

A total of 240 Rwandan Police peacekeepers including 47 females, serving as Formed Police Unit (FPU) under the United Nations mission in South Sudan (UNIMSS) were decorated on August 15.

The officers were particularly recognized for their peacekeeping role in Malakal region of the upper Nile, where they are deployed.

The medal parade was presided over by the UNMISS Police Commissioner, Commissioner of Police (CP) Bruce Munyambo, who represented the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG).

While delivering the SRSG message, the Police Commissioner commended

the RNP peacekeepers for their professionalism and discipline displayed during their one year mission mandate.

"This is in recognition of your great services in ensuring peace and stability for the people of South Sudan. You served with dignity, dedication and hard work and it is a pride to the United Nations," CP Munyambo said.

The message by the SRSG further reads: "We have been working together for almost one year and as per observation, and without hesitation, you were professionally committed to contributing to the peace agreement for the warring parties in South Sudan to end almost three-year conflicts that cause deaths and displacement of South Sudanese countrywide. Your contribution is highly appreciated and commended to be reliable."

The acting Upper Nile head of field office (HOFO) in Malakal, Hastings Amurani said that Rwanda FPU's presence in Malakal "created enormous value addition to UNMISS Malakal's protection capacity under the command of Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Rogers Rutikanga.

ACP Rutikanga is the contingent commander of RNP peacekeepers in South Sudan.

"It is therefore no surprise to us that RNP peacekeepers have been valiant ambassadors of the Republic of Rwanda and an excellent flag bear of the United Nations...Their discipline to the public was always displayed since their arrival almost one year ago," Amurani said.

"Your courage and patience have been sorely tested in many instances which often put you lives at high risk. Thankfully, you have not been deterred," added Amurani

Darfur

At least 53 other officers serving under the auspice of African Union – United Nations Hybrid Operations in Darfur (UNAMID) in El Fasher, Sudan, were decorated on July 4.

Presiding over the event, the United Nations Joint Special representative Martin Ihoeghian Uhomoibhi said: "From this moment onwards, all medal recipients are recognized as true ambassadors of peace all over the world. Your efforts towards restoration of peace in Darfur will not go unrecognized."

He went on to recognize the commitment of medal beneficiaries for their hard work towards the attainment of sustainable peace in Darfur, which he said, is clearly demonstrated in a way and a manner they have conducted themselves since arrival in Darfur.

FPU 7 depart to Haiti for rotation

A Formed Police Unit (FPU) contingent of 160 police officers including 21 females, on July 22, left for a one year peacekeeping under the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

The Rwanda FPU7 headed by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Faustin Ntirushwa as its contingent commander, left Kigali International Airport at about 7:30 pm.

Commissioner of Police (CP) Felix Namuhoranye, the Commandant of National Police College (NPC) saw off the contingent at Kigali International Air port on behalf of the Inspector General of Police.

This is the seventh Rwanda National Police rotation in Haiti since the first contingent was deployed in the Caribbean nation in 2010 following a deadly earthquake that left thousands of people dead and more than one million others homeless.

Prior to the deployment, the contingent received the final briefing last week by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Emmanuel K. Gasana, who challenged them to maintain discipline, professionalism, and national values and build on the achievements as well as the image left by previous contingents.

RNP spokesperson, ACP Celestin Twahirwa, said: "RWAFFPU7 will replace RWAFFPU6



deployed in July last year and set to return home on Sunday 24 July 2016 after successfully accomplishing their one year mandate and awarded UN service medals."

"Rwanda National Police is committed to Rwanda's policy of contributing to international peace building and that's why an-

other contingent has also been generated and ready for deployment in South Sudan in September," he added.

RNP, currently, maintains five FPU contingents of 820 officers in three UN missions – three in Central African Republic and one each in South Sudan and Haiti.

RPC Eastern Province commends information sharing in crime prevention

The Eastern Region Police Commander (RPC) Assistant Commission of Police (ACP) Emmanuel Karasi has said that the region which borders three countries hinges more on information sharing to combat cross-border crimes.

Rwanda borders Uganda, Tanzania and Burundi in the eastern.

According to ACP Karasi, like any other region that touches borderlines, Eastern Region is no exception and "faces cross-border crimes that include livestock and motorcycle theft, as well as a few isolated cases of human trafficking which is an emerging crime."

"Some of these issues are addressed through normal Police work but most importantly completed by Irondo – community night patrols – which sometimes intercept criminals before they cross the borders and recover stolen items," said ACP Karasi.

"If, for example, we get information that the suspect has crossed the border, we have excellent working relations with our counterparts in those countries, who helps us to locate, apprehend and deport the suspects," he added.

Currently, Rwanda National Police enjoys a unique cooperation through separate memorandum of understandings that partly focuses

on information exchange, fighting cross-border crimes, joint operations and training, among others.

ACP Karasi said they hold periodic meetings with their counterparts in the regions bordering Rwanda to "intensify border security."

Between January and May this year, over 1990 cases were recorded in the region with drugs, assaults, theft and defilement covering 71.3 of the total recorded crimes, according to the security report in the region.

"RNP priorities are definitely Eastern Region priorities; it is in this context therefore, that cooperation stands out to be very crucial in today's contemporary policing. You cannot address the issue of cross border crimes when there is no bilateral cooperation," he said. "This kind of cooperation with residents and our counterparts in the neighboring regions has been vital in fighting crimes majorly related to narcotic drugs," said the RPC.

The districts of Nyagatare borders Uganda, Bugesera borders Burundi and Kirehe borders Tanzania.

Generally, the RPC said, the security situation is "calm in the Eastern region despite the issues related to drug abuse, smuggling

and theft and we continue to strengthen the concept of community policing and cross-border cooperation to preserve and promote security."

"Some of the top crimes like drug abuse (Cannabis and Kanyanga) are smuggled from Tanzania and Uganda respectively and this is facilitated by porous borders between neighboring countries although we continue to forge strong cross border cooperation with police forces in these countries to fight these crimes jointly," he said.

"Community policing concept brings together police and the public, and therefore plays central role in ensuring safety and security; the people are the real determinants of security. We shall continue with this strategy through public awareness and enhance trust in quality and result oriented policing."

Human security

ACP Karasi pointed out that police in the Eastern Region has been involved in different activities of human security aimed at improving health and wellbeing of the people.

Among those activities include police's involvement in social programmes like the one-cow per poor family (Gir'inka), the Vision 2020 Umurenge (VUP) program, helping in building houses for vulnerable families and several others.



Police FC appoints new technical team, sign eight new players

Rwanda National Police (RNP) appointed a new three-man technical team that will be in charge of its football team – Police FC.

The technical crew includes the new head coach, Innocent Seninga, his assistant Justin Bisengimana and Claude Maniraho as goalkeeper's coach.

The club also boosted its team with ten new players. They include the trio of Hussein Habimana, goalkeepers Danny Nduwayo and Milafa Nizeyimana all from Etincelles; Amavubi left back Ce-

lestin Ndayishimiye from Mukura Victory, strikers Amini Mwizerwa and Justin Mico from AS Kigali; Jean Bosco Akayezu (Muhanga) and Antoine Dominique Ndayishimiye from Gicumbi.

Christophe Biramahire and Olivier Usabimana were also promoted from Interforce, although the later has since been loaned to Marine. Mico, 21, the latest signing, penned a two-year contract to bolster the striking line.

Police FC spokesperson, Chief Inspector of Police (CIP) Jean de Dieu Mayira

said Micyo, the product of Isonga FC, was signed to fill the void left by Idesbard Nshuti, who was also released upon his request.

"Nshuti still had a contract with Police FC but he requested to be released due to personal issues, the club management understood his desire to leave and his request was granted," said CIP Mayira. "His departure left a gap that needed to be filled and Mico with his age and performance was a perfect recruit," he added.

"We are trying to reinforce the team to fill all the gaps and upfront in particular to score more goals."

Police Handball Club crowned Genocide Memorial Tournament champions

Police Handball Club emerged the champions of the International Genocide Memorial Tournament after beating Evergreen from Uganda with 32 to 20 goals.

The two-day tournament which was played in Kigali saw ten clubs from Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda racing for the trophy with only Police Handball Club from Rwanda and Evergreen from Uganda reaching the finals.

Rwanda was represented by six clubs, namely; Police, APR, ES Kigoma, RDF and UR-CE. Others are Uganda Police Force and Makerere University and Ever Green all from Uganda and last year's run-ups Ngoma of Tanzania.

Police Handball club was placed in group C alongside Makerere University and UR-CE.

Police beat University of Rwanda College of Education 34 goals against 16 and

saw off Makerere University with 35 to 19 goals to qualify for semifinals.

The first half of the final game ended with police in the lead with 15 to 8 goals. Police's newly acquired player, Felix Mukunzi emerged the top scorer in all the games with 37 overall goals while the best player of the whole tournament was Gilbert Mutuyimana also from Police.

The cops' side had to battle APR to reach the finals in a game that saw Police Handball winning with 40 goals against 27.

"We played under tight schedule but we managed to win because we were very committed. I thank the leadership of Rwanda National Police that provided with all the necessary facilities to win this regional tournament," said Assistant Inspector of Police (AIP) Antoine Ntabanganyimana.



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Police FC appoints new technical team, sign eight new players